



CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes of the August 6, 2007 Meeting



<u>Commissioners Present:</u>	Michelle Castro; Debi Davis; Marwan Fawal; Susan Migliore; Al Silva; and P.J. Vaswani
<u>Commissioners Absent:</u>	Martin David, Chairperson (excused)
<u>Staff Liaison:</u>	Pam Morrison, Staff Liaison
<u>Visitors:</u>	Jim Narveson, Santa Clara Players; Andy Ratermann, Santa Clara Sister Cities Association

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION – None.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Commissioner Castro. New Commissioners Debi Davis and Susan Migliore were introduced, and there was a brief recess while the City Photographer took the Commission photograph for the City Calendar.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes from the June 4, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Fawal moved to accept the minutes as presented; Commissioner Vaswani seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. **Correspondence & Announcements:**
 - a. Video footage of the Sculpture Show opening reception was accepted for airing on Ovation TV.
 - b. A copy of the Sculpture Show DVD was sent to each artist.
 - c. Staff reviewed the correspondence received by the Commission, including thank-you letters from sculpture show artists, the Triton Museum's newsletter, and the Santa Clara Players Summer Series readings.
4. **New Business**
 - a. **Santa Clara Players – Request for Funding from Recent Production.** Jim Narveson updated the Commission on the Players and its activities. He presented a funding request for the Player's production, "A Bench in the Sun," which was budgeted in the 2006-07 fiscal year. Commissioner Fawal made a motion to release payment of \$1,440 to the Players, which was seconded by Commissioner Silva. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. **Santa Clara Chorale – Request for Funding from Recent Production.** This item was deferred, as a representative from the Chorale was not able to attend.
 - c. **Election of Commission Officers for Fiscal Year 2007-08.** Although unable to attend, Chair

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David send a message via staff indicating he was willing to serve another term as Chair, if the Commission desired. Commissioner Silva made a motion to select Martin David for another term as Chair; Commissioner Fawal seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Fawal then nominated Al Silva for the position of Vice Chair. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Castro then expressed her willingness to serve another term as Secretary. Commissioner Davis made a motion to select Michelle Castro as Recording Secretary. Commissioner Silva seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- d. **“Art in the Air” Banner Display 2008 – Planning and Schedule.** Staff reviewed the proposed schedule for the upcoming “Art in the Air” banner display. Entries are due November 30, 2007, winning entries will be selected by December 13, 2007, artists will be notified by December 14, 2007, and completed banners will be due by April 2, 2008. The banner display will go up by the end of April 2008, and come down at the end of September 2008. Commissioners were given a supply of fliers and copies of the prospectus for distribution; staff will also email the electronic files to Commissioners for distribution.
- e. **Art and Wine Festival 2007 – Commission Participation at Event.** Commissioners signed up for the following shifts: Commissioner Vaswani, Saturday 9 am – 1 pm; Commissioners Fawal and Silva, Sunday 9 am – 1 pm; Commissioner Migliore, Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm. Commissioner Davis indicated she would be assisting the Sisters Cities Association during the Art & Wine Festival and would have limited time to assist with the booth. Commissioner Castro agreed pick up the materials for the booth and do the setup on Saturday. Staff will ask Chair David if he would contact the City’s funded groups for items to give away at a drawing at the booth.
- f. **Street Dance 2008 – Selection of Date.** August 1, 2008 (or a date close to then) was recommended for the 2008 Street Dance. Staff will check and confirm availability with the Joe Sharino Band.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. **Street Dance 2007 – Recap.** Commissioners were pleased with the Street Dance and the excellent attendance. Comments from the public were positive overall. There were some health department issues with one of the food vendors, and staff noted that the Commission might want to keep this in mind when selecting food vendors for 2008. Beer/wine sales went well, and the preliminary estimate of revenue back to the Commission is \$2000.
- b. **“All Fired Up” Sculpture Exhibition – Update and Selection of Reception Date.** Commissioner Silva made a motion to have Chair David, Commissioner Castro, and Commissioner Davis as the jury for the sculpture show. Commissioner Migliore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Fawal requested that the jury not select any nudes for the upcoming show. There was general agreement among the Commissioners to have a conservative show this time. A tentative date of Sept 2 was selected for jurying the show. The opening reception will be held on Sunday, October 28 from 2 – 4 pm. The Boys Scouts of Santa Clara County may be able to provide docents for the reception; staff will look into this possibility.

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- c. **Concerts in the Park 2007 – Update.** Commissioner Davis agreed to cover the August 12 concert, and Commissions Fawal and Migliore agreed to cover the August 19 concert. It was noted that the Lyra Tones concert was outstanding and it was suggested that the group be invited back next year.
 - d. **Sculpture Exhibition 2007 – Update.** A question was raised about having the exhibition open on a Saturday for viewing. Because of the need to staff the buildings (as well as advertise the viewing), it was agreed that it was not practical to do it for the current sculpture show. The Commission might want to consider such an activity with the “All Fired Up” show, possibly in conjunction with a Triton Saturday activity.
 - e. **Triton Museum of Art – Report of Activities.** Staff distributed the Triton’s July 2007 monthly report of activities. Commissioner Migliore offered to serve as the Commission’s liaison to the Triton Board of Directors and attend the board meetings.
6. **Public Presentations.** Andy Ratermann, representing the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, informed the Commission of the following upcoming activities: Sept 11 Concert at the Triton Museum, Sister Cities Art Contest, Chicken Barbeque, and Sister Cities participation at the Art and Wine Festival.
7. **Adjournment.** As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:28 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Castro
Recording Secretary